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FOR: HETEROCYCLIC METHYL SULFONE DERIVATIVE

**AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, the Group where R<sup>1</sup> is a phenyl group and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are each a pyridyl group. This group includes Claims 1-5, 7-17 & 21-23.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Support for Amendments** begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.